

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 22 February 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 05122005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Walter Tencza on 11 May 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 8: delete "and".

In claim 1, at the end of the claim: replace "processing." with --processing; and-- and add the following paragraphs:

--further wherein

the digital signal processing comprises

obtaining a plurality of fundamental frequency components of a plurality of the evoked brain potential signals corresponding to the periodic visual stimuli;

performing a statistical method to determine a signal-to-noise ratio for said plurality of fundamental frequency components;

comparing said signal-to-noise ratio with a preset critical value; and

determining if the likelihood of glaucoma is high or low based on said

comparison.--

In claim 5, line 3: replace "a plurality" with --the plurality--.

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In claim 5, line 4: replace “a plurality” with --the plurality--.

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In claim 5, line 6: replace “stimuli;” with --stimuli.-- and delete lines 7-10.

In claim 6, line 2: delete “multivariate”.

In claim 7, at the end of the claim: replace “processing.” with --processing; and-- and add the following paragraphs:

--further wherein

the digital signal processing comprises

obtaining a plurality of fundamental frequency components of a plurality

of the evoked brain potential signals corresponding to the periodic visual stimuli;

performing a statistical method to determine a signal-to-noise ratio for said plurality of fundamental frequency components;

comparing said signal-to-noise ratio with a preset critical value; and

determining if the likelihood of glaucoma is high or low based on said comparison.--

In claim 11, lines 4-5: replace both instances of “a plurality” with --the plurality--.

In claim 11, line 6: replace “stimuli;” with --stimuli.-- and delete lines 7-10.

In claim 12, line 2: delete “multivariate”.

Claims 13-20 are cancelled.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John R. Sanders whose telephone number is (571) 272-4742.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on (571) 272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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